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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KOJIRO KATAYAMA ET AL.

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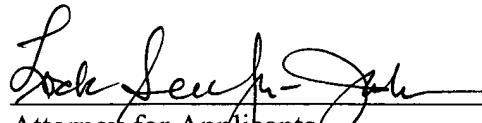
In support of Applicants' claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, enclosed are
certified copies of the following Japanese applications:

2000-351242, filed November 17, 2000; and

2001-340615, filed November 6, 2001.

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